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INCLUDE SURFACTANTSAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

- ☒ An itemized return postcard.  
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for     month(s) and a check in the amount of \$    for the required fee.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs); copies of 8 applications; 1449 forms (7 pgs); and copies of 66 documents cited on the 1449 forms.  
☐ A check in the amount of \$   , for    .  
☐ A certified copy of a     application, Serial No.    , filed                     , the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ Other:  
☒ Preliminary Amendment (28 total pgs.; Appendix A (18 pgs.)).  
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Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment					
	Pending Claims after Amendment (1)	Claims Paid for Earlier (2)	Number of Additional Claims (1-2)	Cost per Additional Claim	Additional Fees Required
Total Claims	50	45	5	x \$18 =	\$90
Independent Claims	13	10	3	x \$84 =	\$252
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$280 Here →					
Total Additional Claim Fees Required					\$342

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers and please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s), as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

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